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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shingo KAGE, et al.

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For: DISK PLAYER

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) Group Art Unit: 2652
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) Examiner: TIANJIE CHEN
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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 20, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 20, 2003, wherein the Examiner required restriction between Group I - Claims 1-3, drawn to a disk player with openings on the clamper arm, Group II - Claims 1, 4 and 5, drawn to a disk player with a restricting member and Group III - Claims 1, 6 and 7, drawn to a disk player with special disk supporting portion on table, Applicants elect without traverse, Group III - claims 1, 6 and 7 for initial prosecution on the merits.

Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 2-5, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

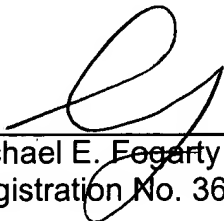
Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have

inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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